

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a composition, comprising the steps of:
 - a) reducing mother-of-pearl to a powder ~~with~~to a particle size of between approximately 1 and approximately 300 μm ;
 - b) bringing the mother-of-pearl powder thus obtained into contact with an extracting agent ~~in the form of~~chosen from an aqueous-glycolic solution of at least one collagen, an aqueous glycolic solution of at least one proteoglycane, or an aqueous glycolic solution of a mixture of at least one collagen and at least one proteoglycane, to obtain an extraction mixture; and
 - c) recovering the extraction mixture formed as a result of the bringing into contact.
2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mother-of- pearl is reduced to a powder with a particle size of between approximately 50 and approximately 100 μm .
3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mother-of- pearl is reduced to a powder with a particle size of between approximately 15 and approximately 50 μm ,
4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous -glycolic solution of the extracting agent has a water:glycol weight ratio of approximately 1:100.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the collagen is a marine collagen.
7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the collagen concentration is between approximately 0.0001 and approximately 50% by weight, relative to the total weight of the extracting agent.
9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extracting agent is an aqueous -glycolic solution of at least one proteoglycan.
10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the proteoglycan is chosen from the group consisting of hyaluronic acid, chondroitin sulfate, dermatan sulfate, heparan sulfate, keratan sulfate and mixtures thereof.
11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the extracting agent is an aqueous-glycolic solution of hyaluronic acid.
12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the proteoglycan concentration is preferably between approximately 0.0001 and approximately 40% by weight, relative to the total weight of the extracting agent.
13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mother-of-pearl powder is brought into contact with the extracting agent according to step b) by preparing a mixture, including the mother-of-pearl powder and the extracting agent, such that it comprises, relative to its total weight, approximately 20% to approximately 60% by weight of mother-of-pearl powder obtained in step a) and the remainder as extracting agent.
14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the contact in step b) is brought about, for a given temperature, for a period of time sufficient to produce a substantially complete extraction.
15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at the end of step b), the extraction mixture, formed as a result of the bringing into contact, is recovered and a liquid phase of the composition is separated from a solid phase.

16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)
18. (Previously Presented) A composition obtained using the method as claimed in claim 1.
19. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 18, comprising in the form of an aqueous-glycolic suspension:
 - aragonite (CaCO_3);
 - trace elements chosen from the group consisting of sodium, magnesium, lanthanum, zinc, bromine, cesium, iron, manganese, chlorine, copper, potassium, calcium, strontium, sulfur and mixtures thereof;
 - fibrous proteins from mother-of-pearl;
 - nonfibrous proteins from mother-of-pearl; and
 - at least one collagen not derived from mother of-pearl and/or at least one proteoglycan not derived from mother-of-pearl.
20. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 18, comprising at least one marine collagen not derived from mother-of-pearl and at least one proteoglycan not derived from mother-of-pearl chosen from the group consisting of hyaluronic acid, chondroitin sulfate, dermatan sulfate, heparan sulfate, keratan sulfate and mixtures thereof.
21. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising the composition as claimed in claim 18, as active principle, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
22. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable excipient is an excipient suitable for dermatological application.

23. (Previously Presented) A therapeutic method intended for the treatment of tissue regeneration disorders of the skin and/or superficial body growths, comprising the step of applying to the skin and/or superficial body growths a composition as claimed in claim 18.
24. (Withdrawn) A therapeutic method intended for the treatment of disorders of the skin and/or superficial body growths related to aging comprising the step applying to the skin and/or to superficial body growths a composition as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 20.
25. (Withdrawn) A therapeutic method intended for the treatment of inflammatory skin manifestations comprising the step of applying to the skin and/or superficial body growths a composition as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 20.
26. (Previously Presented) A cosmetic composition, comprising the composition as claimed in claim 18, as cosmetically active principle, and a cosmetically acceptable excipient.
27. (Previously Presented) A cosmetic method intended for cosmetic treatment for tissue regeneration of the skin and/or superficial body growths comprising the step of applying to the skin and/or to superficial body growths a composition as claimed in claim 18.
28. (Previously Presented) A cosmetic method intended for the cosmetic treatment of modifications related to aging of the skin and/or superficial body growths comprising the step of applying to the skin and/or to superficial body growths a composition as claimed in claim 18.
29. (Canceled)
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31. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a composition, comprising the steps of:
- a) reducing mother-of-pearl to a powder with a particle size of between approximately 1 and approximately 300 μm ;
 - b) bringing the mother-of-pearl powder thus obtained into contact with an extracting agent in the form of an aqueous-glycolic solution to obtain an extraction mixture of at least one of a collagen and a proteoglycan; and
 - c) recovering the extraction mixture formed as a result of the bringing into contact.
32. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous -glycolic ~~solvent-solution~~ solution of the extracting agent has a water:glycol weight ratio of approximately 100:1.